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Carolyn Hill speaks.



The choir sings out.

Zion's Young Adult Choir Celebrates 4th Anniversary

On Sunday afternoon, October 10, 1971, Zion Baptist Church rang with happy music as scores of choirs, groups, and soloists gathered to help Zion's Young Adult Choir celebrate its Fourth Anniversary. Both adult and youth choirs were present, from other Baptist churches as well as churches of other denominations, both local and out-of-town. Some of the groups performed with real professional quality, and all with great spirit.

The choirs and groups sang both popular spiritual music and some of the more standard hymns, like the Williams Temple Choir's moving version of "Bread of Heaven." Some groups made use of intrumental music, including guitars, drums, horns, and tambourines, in addition to the customary piano and organ. Quite often the fast-moving, happy music became contagious, tempting the audience, a capacity crowd that left standing-room-only, to join in, clapping and singing along.

About mid-way through the concert, Miss Carolyn Hill, directress of the Zion Choir, came to the podium to give a short history of the Young Adult Choir's four years of progress, and to give recognition to the Choir's most devoted supporters. The Choir's officers include assistant directress Phyllis Jones, president Jimmie Stephens, and vice president Calvin Adams. The Adult supervisors of the Choir are Mrs Essie Watts, Mrs Veola Washington, Mr William Byrd, and Mr John Weaver. The organist for the choir is Mr Charles Burden, and the pianist is Mrs Virginia Maple. Miss Hill also expressed appreciation to the pastor, Rev. Roosevelt Austin, for his encouragement and support in the founding and progress of the Young Adult Choir.

Later in the program special awards were presented by the choir to six individuals who gave of themselves in particular ways to promote and improve the choir. Those who received these awards were: Mr Tim Foster, Mrs Annie Foster, Mrs Claudine Wickes, Mrs Zenobia Birden, Mr Eddie Parker, and Miss Carolyn Hill.

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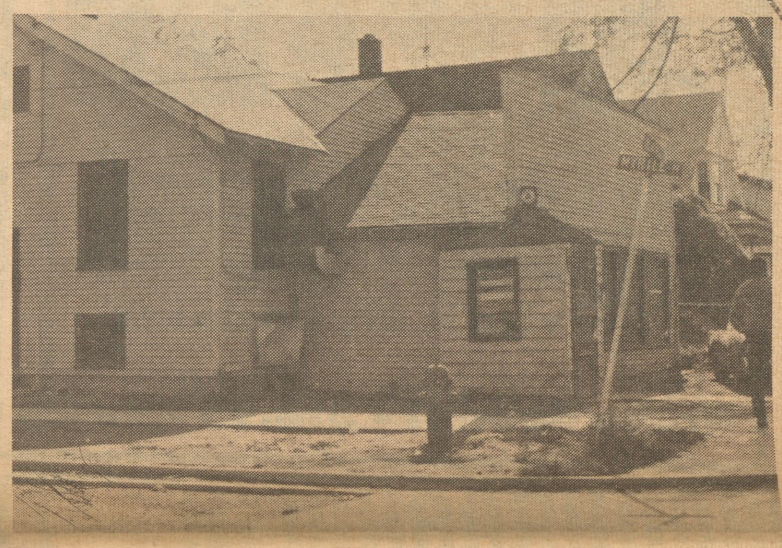
NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner

The local branch NAACP has succeeded in securing the services of Atty. William Waterman, legal counsel, Pontiac Branch, as guest speaker at the Freedom Fund Dinner to be held Sunday, October 31, 1971 at the High Life Inn.

Due to the limited accomodations we urge members and non-members to make your reservations early. Tickets are available from most ex-board members or by calling 755-5155.

One Helluva Hole On 6th & Myrtle

BY JIM COLVIN



Standing on 6th and Myrtle Street, it's not like it used to be, there's something missing. And there are a whole lot of people saying the same thing, why did it have to happen. What did happen didn't really have to happen to a guy like Edward Cox, but to everybody else 'Baby Ray.' That had become a trade name on 6th and Myrtle and many of the other sections of town, not just because of his name, but because of what he stood for, his fellowman, his relationship with the people, his surrounding, how he felt about them and how they trusted him, and how he really felt that doing something for his fellowman, he didn't demand a great deal of credit. The satisfaction he got from doing it was all the credit he felt he needed.

But, tonight, as we stand here on 6th and Farwell, as I look around at faces, some says "man oh man", this guy was just another welfare department. Some people say you can't begin to count the number of goods he done for his fellowman. Some of the same things are going on, some of the same people around, but there's one hell of a big hole on 6th Street today. That hole will never be filled, the memories will never pass away, because no one can really assess the sense of personal or whatever you measure things by, what this man meant to many of his people who felt they were forgotten people, and no one to turn to. But they knew that 'Baby Ray' was always a man that would listen and a man that would always try to help.

But he didn't look at it that way he said, "Now this is my people and I got to stick with them."

Some people would say, well this guy really didn't mean that much. Some would say that what he was doing was not good. But those are the people who feed their ego on criticism. I myself do not personally commend some of the things that are or are not favorable in our community. But this is not what we are looking at when we talk about Baby Ray. We are talking about some of the things that the others didn't have guts to do. Some of us think that would demand that something be done. The others would say that guy is not my kind and he isn't worth my time. But that's not how it was with Baby Ray, there was not a person he didn't have time to listen to. There was no such thing to him as a "bum", he was a man, one of my people, and we have to stick together and help each other. That's what Ray stood for, Helping each other. He created jobs, when there wasn't a job, he would always say come back and I'll see what I can find for you. That was one of his ways of asking for time to see if there was anything possible to do. So you really cannot say that we lost Ray and we won't be seeing him again, because he will certainly be there. Because what he has created cannot be destroyed, there was trust among people who never trusted anyone, there were friendships among people who never had friends. And some of our people today who look down on societies poor and uninhabited people, Ray looked up to them. So that's why no one will ever be able to fill the hole on 6th and Myrtle, 3rd Street, Northeast Saginaw.

Wherever Ray run, there will always be an empty spot. But let's not stop and fall dead and say, well nobody else will care anymore, let's be proud for what he really stood for. Some of us want to be proud of the image that you created of him. The image that you fellowmen have created of him. After talking with hundreds of people, who live side by side, work side by side, sat, talked and ate with this man, you begin to see unfolding from you an unbelievable, unimaginable, John the Baptist or Moses — a man who had the courage to look any man in the eye and say if I can help you, I will.

As I walk along the streets of Northeast Saginaw, I stop and talk to many people. Some would say "Man, I can't really tell you nothing about the guy, all I know is that he was too good to everybody." Some would say there were all kinds of people that came to him, all times of the day and night, and ask for favors, Ray would tell them, "I just can't do it right now, but come back later." There was no such language in his mind as "No" to anyone.

One of Ray's old friends said, "I been in this town 20 years, Ray was here when I came. I live across the street from him, my folks live across the street from him. There was always a needy mother who was receiving welfare, would always say, Ray, I need a little help until my money comes. This was the man that they looked up to, this was the man they knew if they came to they could trust him.

I myself have known Cox for many years' matter of fact, the first year he came to Saginaw. Our friendship became stronger and stronger as time grew. It's a

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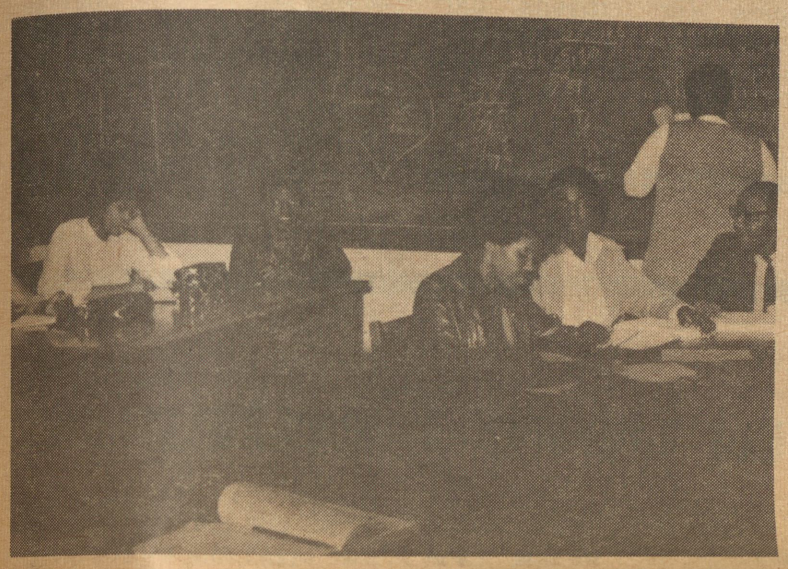
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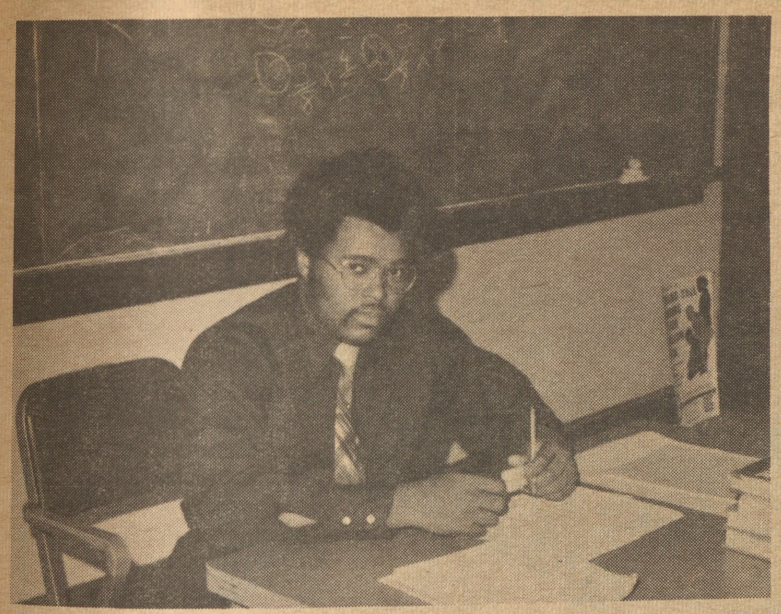
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O.I.C. Objective — People



O.I.C. objective — People — Class time.



William Summons, instructor at O.I.C. teaches complicated skills and consumer education.



Lew Abram

Mr Lew Abram, Director of Operations of Saginaw's Opportunity Industrialization Center (OIC) talked with Valley Star reporters and commented on the program and how it is centered around the people of Saginaw.

Discussing Mr Abram functions with OIC, Mr Abram stated that his input in the program is to try and coordinate all training activities in OIC and those working under his unit some recruitment instructors, counselors and job developers. The main objective set forth was the groups try to respond together.

Over 115 OIC programs exist in the United States, and some in Africa. Each program is set under the same guidelines as the next, but each pattern is not set identically.

Saginaw's OIC has 9 instructors and 6 counselors to this date. Not everyone of these instructors or counselors have a degree in their field, but each have the experience in knowing the problems of the community and especially have experienced the problems of people. This Mr Abram feels is more important than just a piece of certified paper. OIC needs instructors who know people, because OIC is concerned with the trainee first.

Getting to know the trainee is where orientation is offered to enrollees. This class is to get the trianee involved, to feel he is a part of the program. OIC tries to build their program around the traanee, so he can fit in, not be put in. Mostly stressed was the feeling of the trainee, instructors keep their classes numbered so the individual approach is put forth, time to accommodate and correspond with the trainee. An instructor OIC feels, needs to understand the person with whom he works with, this makes companionship between the two. This orientation class also situated to find out from the trainee where his best fields are, how much he can contribute to *this field, and basically the trainees capabilities. This to* is important for anyone who plans to enter a field because OIC advises through counselors, where a trainee can be best fitted. So the feeling at OIC is that you the trainee progress and OIC will back you up all the way.

Job training through this program is set up to train for the job demand now, OIC doesn't train you for a specific field and a machine might be doing the job after your training is up. If there is a demand for a training OIC tries to get that training started.

Also offered is the Feeder Program, which every trainee goes through. This programs consists of math, communicational skills, business English, consumers education, minority history and personal skills class. This course is offered for 12 weeks, but there is no set limit when you can finish, that is according to the individual.

A set goal of OIC is to aim for the unemployed and the underemployed people. Anyone who comes for help is taken care of or if OIC can't help you they will direct you to someone who they may feel can. After finding the trainee a job, a counselor will work with that individual one year after the job.

Student Council is also organized by OIC trainees to represent themselves and to have a chance to voice their opinion.

OIC is thankful to all the agencies of the community who have contributed supplies to their needs. Mr Abram did state, that OIC is a non-profit organization and the program continues by the Contributions of the community agencies.

CDA Staff

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Sara Esparza	Neighborhood Worker

City Council Meeting Held Monday

After quietly deciding on a number of petitions, recommendations, and zoning changes, the City Council, in its regular Monday night meeting, moved on to a discussion of the financial guidlines for the Model Cities Second Action Year, for which time is quickly running out.

CDA Director Jack Chapis presented the planning decisions which were a result of a week of day-long meetings of Model Cities Staff, board members, interested citizens and all persons with proposals to be submitted for the seocnd year. Mr Chapis, said his presentation represented 1400 man-hours of hearings and deliberations and expressed sincere thanks, on behalf of Model Cities, to those persons who gave of themselves in those meetings.

The presentation consisted mainly of a broad framework of categories and their respective "slices of the pie," and did not offer any individual projects for approval. (The Council reserves the right to approve or reject each project on its own merits.)

The categories and their respective percentages are as follows:

Crime and Delinquency, 3.8 percent; Drug Abuse and Health, 7 percent; Education, 26 percent; Manpower, 12 percent; Physical Development, 3.8 percent; Economic Development, 1.5 percent; Communication and Transportation, 1.8 percent; Social Services, 29 percent (plus $39,000 of money carried over from first year.); Citizens' Participation and Administration, 14 percent.

The Councilmen all seemed to share the same two reservations. These were the overbalance in the Social Services category as against so little money being used for Physical Development which is badly needed n the Model Neighborhood. Mr Chapis answered that the Social Services percentage had been jacked up quite a bit by the addition of the Spanish-speaking Information Center, a project not yet approved by Council.

The Council's second question was to be sure that left-over or so-called "carry-over" funds are being properly used. To this Mr Chapis answered that most of the money is to be used in so-called "one-shot" physical development, such as the purchase of property and office equipment, thus lessening the danger of having to eliminate some program because of lack of this accidental carryover money after the second year.

Mayor Light, had a third objection in that he wondered if the Board of Education would have sufficient funds to continue its broad and extensive programs for the second year. Mr Chapis replied, that the board of education has been closely involved in these plans and the percentage listed was agreed upon by the Board.

Though the Council was not entirely satisfied with the answers to its reservations, Mr Nelson did move for approval with support from Mr Oeming. A bit more discussion followed, in which Mr Loucks made a strong plea for citizens participation, even though it appeared he had not attended any of the meetings held to prepare the presented plan, all of which were open to the public. Loucks felt the proposal was a product of railroading by Mr Chapis and called it "gobbledygook." This brought a firm rebuke from Mayor Light and a reply from Councilman Wendler, that he felt he understood the proposal quite well, and accepted it as a proposal from the people. There were also several protests from the audience.

Carrying on with what seemed to be a pointless discussion Mr Oeming "called for the question," which means a vote has to be taken immediately. The vote, in which roll was called, was eight approved, and one opposed, that being Councilman Loucks.

With the Council's approval of these tentative plans, it now appears the Model Cities Program has a chance of continuing to help Model Neighborhood Residents for another year.

Activities At Multi-Purpose Center

Voting instructions are to be given at the Multi-Purpose *Center, located at 1407 Janes. They will start Tuesday, October 12, lasting throughout October. This is for the municipal election in November.*

The Prosecuting Attorney will be available to the Model Neighborhood residents beginning October 15 at the Multi-Purpose Center and continuing every Friday between the hours of 1 and 5.

Civil Service Commission services will be available at the Multi-Purpose center every Tuesday from 9 to 5.

Michigan Employment Security Commission services will be available at the Multi-Purpose Center every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:45 to 3:45.

Beginning next Monday, October 18, food stamps may be purchased at the MPC. *However, it is very important* that any Social Services client notify his caseworker at least a day in advance of his desire to purchase stamps at the Center. This is necessary so that cards may be transferred to the Center. You will then be able to purchase food stamps at the Center as long as you desire.

REMINDER: The All-Purpose Room at the Center is available to any MN group that would like to use it for meetings. Please try to call and schedule meetings in advance if possible. Call MPC 754-1463 ask for Bob Martin.

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Mrs Green Is Area 6 Rep



Mrs Green at Area 6 Policy Board meeting.

As a Model Cities Policy Board member, Mrs Green's basic responsibility is to insure Model Neighborhood residents in Area 6 acknowledge information on the program of Saginaw Model Cities Programs. Also she insures Model Neighborhood residents adequate representatives on all projects.

Mrs Green helps to determine projects to be considered for implementation and upon selecting this project, if it reaches problems of the Model Neighborhood represents it fully, whether social, economic, or physical development. During some evenings there are Policy Board meetings which mrs Green attends every other Tuesday at Houghton School. Serving as chairman on the Social Welfare Committee, Mrs Green attends meetings Friday's of each week at the Multi-Purpose Center. She is also active as a member of Drug Abuse and the Coordinating Committee.

Meetings are always open to those who would like to attend, also Mrs Green announces to the public to come and serve on the committees, everyone is welcome.

Advice To New Voter

Helen E. Hall

Admist all the discourse of the enfranchisement of the 18 year olds, we currently find ourselves approaching political campaigns and conventions with strategies, the extent of which our history has never known. There are several contributing factors which could cause a surprising political landslide for one party — or, on the other hand, a shocking holocaust enveloping all parties across the country:

(1) The country's problems mount as the weeks pass and the general public becomes more and more inclined to demonstrate against them.

(2) All political parties are attracting attention by making year-round issues in order to win praise from strong political and problem areas.

(3) There is the realization by all politicians that the new voters (18 year olds) are, for the most part, thinkers for themselves, asking questions and expecting satisfactory and almost immediate results; (history has taught them that bills benefiting society often-times move too slowly). . .and society still consists of a considerable number of the "impatient, well-informed youth." (4) More and more of the so-called "quiet majority" are rioting against laws affecting de facto segregation in neighborhoods.

(5) All social problems engulfing the poor, the aged, the infirmed, the unemployed, the over-taxed and the ill-housed are being brought to the fore at what seems to be the appropriate time in which politicians may expound.

Now, also, is the time for all eligible voters (whether 18 or 80) to take advantage of their franchise and play an integral part in choosing the people to run our government. Voting is everyone's job and every vote is important, regardless of party affiliation.

New voters may ask the questions: how do I go about choosing a candidate? How will I know which political party to choose? Or which offices are up for election?

First, one may consult the daily newspaper, the City Clerk's office, or officers of major political parties to learn the representatives in the Saginaw County area; the State Capital in Lansing for State Representatives from this area; and the Nation's Capitol, Washington DC to study the men in office. What do they advocate? How have they voted on issues that concern citizens? Have they kept their campaign promises? Check the sincerity and honesty of candidates and those in office and make up your own mind.

Beware of radical groups who prey upon problems of minorities, the poor and other issues, lest they should forget their promises after election. Again, check for sincerity.

Some candidates attempt to gain votes by the familiar "divide and conquer" strategy.

Most important, become involved in some political action to work for the election of capable, honest people. As a result, you will learn more quickly the "ins" and "outs" — the do's" and "don'ts" about politics.

Read, ask questions, work hard in political action — but most important of all, REGISTER AND VOTE.

Miss Black Akron Ohio

Saginaw Model Cities Program recently held their Region Five Annual Conference, which ran from September 30 to October 3, 1971. The conference was held in Chicago, Illinois at the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

Curley Taylor (young man in picture), a voting delegate, representing Saginaw's Model City Policy Board and Miss Rose Ann Woods (Miss Black Akron, Ohio) is seen discussing youth representation in the Model City Program.

Miss Rose Ann Woods.





Four Disciples group sings in Detroit.

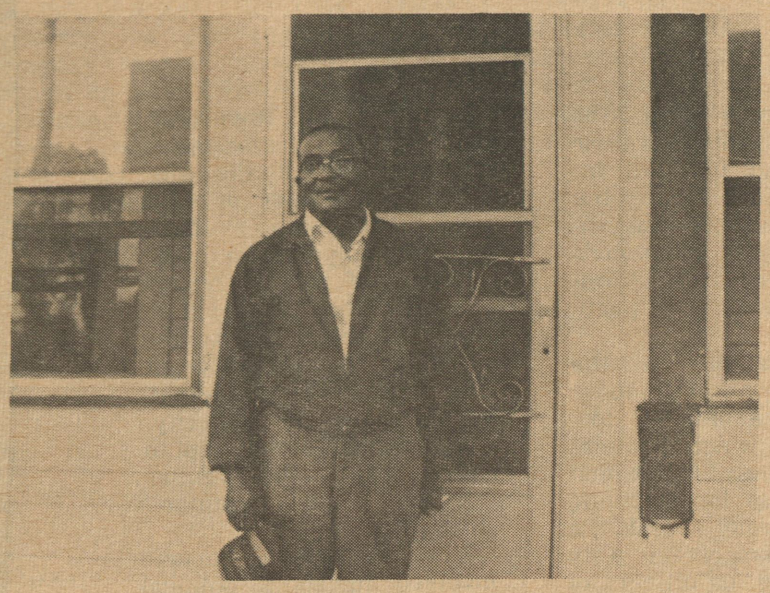
Saginaw Group Appears In Detroit

The Four Disciples, a group out of Saginaw, will be appearing in Detroit, Michigan on the 15th of October at Burns Ave. 7th Day Adventist Church.

The Four Disciples have appeared at various churches in Flint, Ypsilanti, Ecorse, Cassopollis and also here in Saginaw.

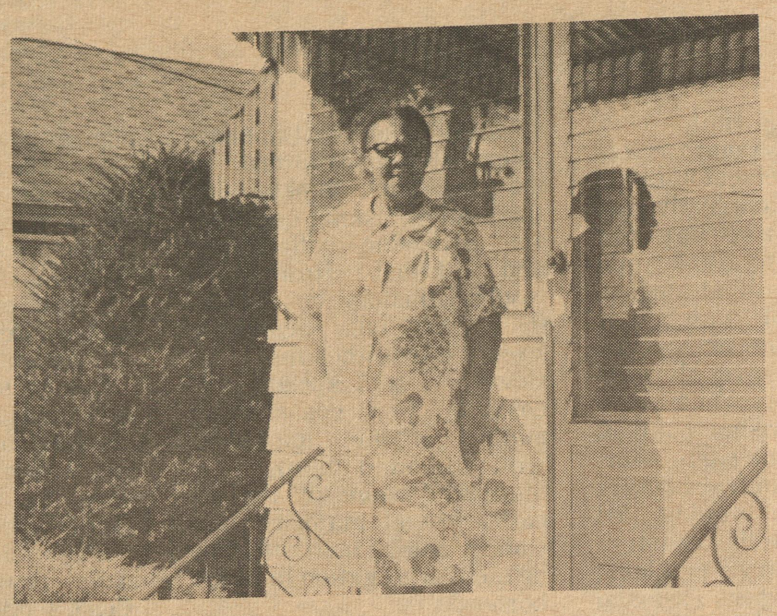
The group consists of Robert Bell-Bass, Amos Lane-Baritone, James Bell, tenor and Charles Shells, lead. They are managed by Mrs Helen Lane, 2341 Berkeley Ct.

THE PEOPLE SPEAK. . .



"It's Too Dark"

Mr Aaron Davis of 1613 Farwell a Model City Neighborhood resident, told us how he felt about Model city and what it can do to improve their neighborhood. He said Model City should be improved more. He also stated that N. 10th Street needs more lighting. "It's just too dark."



"It's Marvelous"

Mrs Mattie Hicks of 1617 Farwell, likes what Model City is doing for her neighborhood. Mrs Hicks is a Model City resident, who believes in keeping her neighborhood clean. She said she is doing her part but other Model City residents should do the same. She took two weeks off from her job to clean house and yard.



"It's A Beautiful Thing"

Eugene Terrel of 5th and Tuscola, said "Model Cities is a beautiful thing," when asked what he thought about the Model Cities Program. He then added that he likes what they are doing, but Model Cities should have started 15 years ago. Mr Terrell says he reads the Valley Star every week.



"Active Citizen"

Mr Hubert Tinsley, who is standing beside his sister Fanny Mae Tinsley, is an active Model City Neighborhood resident who lives at 1223 N. 9th Street. He feels Model City is doing a nice job but it needs more improvement.



"I Can Still Help"

Mr Leam May of 807 N. 6th Street was asked how he felt about the Model Cities Program and how he could help his community. Mr May said he didn't know much about Model Cities and don't think he should get involved because he doesn't have much education. He also stated that he could help his community by keeping up his own home.

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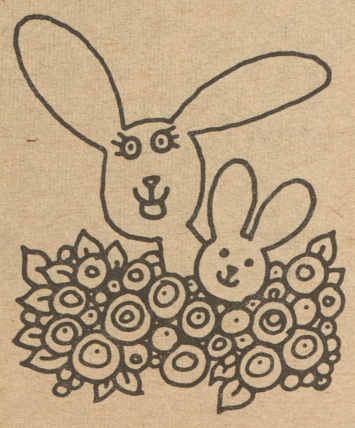
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Robinson On Race

By MILTON J. ROBINSON
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Who said the NAACP is dead?

The NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) I saw at its recent state conference in Jackson was a vibrant, relevant organization, ready to return to center stage in the civil rights arena.

It's no secret that the turn toward extreme militancy by many and racial separatism by some in the civil rights movement cut deeply into the powerful image of the NAACP.

Its non-violent, integrationist tenets became inconsistent with the movement's changing tone.

Whites were leaving the movement, anyway, and many young blacks could not identify the organization's "soft" approach.

Then came busing. . .

As school desegration and busing have become the issues in the North, the NAACP has experienced a rebirth.

NAACP Lawsuits Upheld

You have to travel no farther than Detroit, Pontiac or Kalamazoo to find cities where courts recently have upheld NAACP lawsuits charging school boards with purposely maintaining segregated school districts.

The remedy ordered by the courts in Pontiac and Kalamazoo has been crosstown busing of both black and white children, much to the displeasure of many parents.

Even greater opposition is likely in the Detroit case where the court may decide to order inter-county busing involving Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties to achieve racial balance in the Detroit Public Schools.

Whatever the decision and final outcome, however, there's no doubt about the key role played by the NAACP and its various local chapters.

What's more, I see the NAACP's influence growing even greater as other cities come under desegregation orders.

Once the organization's power base has been fully re-established (if it hasn't been already), it can wield renewed power in other areas of concern such as employment and housing.

Resurgence Heartening

It is heartening to me to see the resurgence of the NAACP because it is one of the few organizations still dedicated to creating an open society in which minority group people can share in the full fruits of Democracy.

While that concept may not be the most popular these days, the goal, in my opinion, is as important as ever.

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